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Mayor Stephen Mandel speaks with reporters following the stunning announcement that he remains undecided on seeking a fourth-term this fall. The mayor instead took aim at the provincial budget. For more coverage, see page 4. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Mayor still undecided on fall election

**Split decision.** Mandel neither in nor out of the race for now



Faced with two roads diverging before him, Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel forged a third path all his own Tuesday.

Despite earlier promises to make an announcement on his political future during his State of the City address, Mandel instead said he remained undecided about his next step. "As much as I pride myself on clear direction, I don't have an answer today," he said during his speech at the Shaw Conference Centre, drawing an audible gasp from the audience of 2,000.

The mayor went on to take direct aim at the provincial government, saying it was too easy to make tough decisions when only Edmonton suffers the consequences.

"It often seems too easy to see the problems of our province as being located in the capital," he said. "In the delicate balance of urban and rural politics, which our province has the difficult task of managing, we have come up short too often."

Mandel, who has consistently argued that the city

must think bigger, said the provincial budget, especially the cuts to post-secondary education, left him concerned about the long-term future of the city.

"I worry that a new era of 'good enough' thinking is poised to undermine our long-term economic prosperity."

Mandel also highlighted regional challenges and said he's worried that Edmonton and its neighbours are losing sight of the bigger picture.

"When I see a growing regional partnership once again devolve into myopic self-interest, I worry that petty competition will block our true potential."

Mandel's announcement will likely delay decisions from other potential challengers who might have considered running. Mandel said he was aware there were timelines and real deadlines but he encouraged people to decide their own political future.

"Anyone thinking about their own political decisions for the October election will choose how and when to play their hands," he said.

### Quoted

**"As much as I pride myself on clear direction, I don't have an answer today."**

Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel on seeking a fourth term

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## Scintillating St. Maarten

Beaches, bars, bistros and a bonanza of different cultures make this French-Dutch island a slice of paradise **PAGE 12**



## Crime

## Warrant issued in murder

Edmonton police are looking for the public's help in locating a man they believe is connected with a weekend murder.

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for Tyson Richard Clark, 24, on charges of second-degree murder and other weapons charges.



Tyson Richard Clark CONTRIBUTED

Police believe Clark was involved in a shooting at a Mill Woods pizza restaurant on March 30, just after 10:30 p.m.

Blair Michael Cunningham, 29, was identified as the victim of the shooting.

Police consider Clark — described as five-foot nine and 200 pounds with a tattoo of "TN" on the left side of his neck — to be armed and dangerous and he should not be approached.

Anyone with information on Clark's whereabouts is asked to call EPS at 780-423-4567 or #377 from a mobile phone. **METRO**

## Warning

## Stay off the ice: Fire services

Days after Adam Shaw heroically saved two girls in a dramatic rescue on the North Saskatchewan River, Edmonton Fire Rescue warned residents to stay off the ice.

Patrick Lucki, captain of Edmonton Fire Rescue Station 6, said spring is one of the deadliest times of the year on

Edmonton's rivers.

"The main message is stay off the ice," Lucki said at the Capilano Park boat launch on Tuesday afternoon.

Lucki said when people venture onto icy rivers, they're putting both themselves and others at risk.

"When they do go in the water, the hypothermia sets in, their muscles don't work and now they can't even rescue themselves," he said.

**ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO**

# Man who witnessed LRT beating plans anti-bullying campaign

## Good Samaritan.

Attack that resulted in death 'was an extreme form of bullying,' says Manwar Khan



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More than three months after Manwar Khan tried to stop a deadly beating on the LRT, the "horrifying situation" still haunts him.

He thinks about the savage assault every day. He has trouble sleeping. He questions what he would have done differently if he could "rewind" to December.

A simple LRT ride turned into a life-changing experience for Khan, and, as a result, he's decided to launch an "anti-bullying/say no to bystanders" campaign.

"What happened on the LRT was an extreme form of bullying," Khan said.

On Dec. 28, Khan left work early and boarded the LRT at the Corona station.

His ride was interrupted near Stadium station when two men began fighting.



Manwar Khan, who witnessed and tried to break up a deadly beating on the LRT in December, is launching an anti-bullying initiative at the end of April. **ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO**

When Khan saw blood on one man's face, he realized "it was getting serious."

He pushed the train's emergency button. He shouted and screamed. He asked the other passengers for help.

By the time a man came forward, the train had stopped

at Belvedere station.

All of the passengers, including Khan, got off the train. The attack raged on as the train continued to Clareview station.

John Hollar eventually succumbed to his injuries and died in hospital.

Jeremy Newborn has been charged with second-degree murder.

Khan was labelled a hero after the incident. He's received letters from dozens of people, including the premier, who commended him for his actions.

## Background

- The Dec. 28 beating marked the first homicide on Edmonton's LRT in its 34-year history.
- Khan is a father of two-year-old twins who moved to Canada from Bangladesh in 2001 to study computer science at the University of Lethbridge.

"I don't feel like I'm an LRT hero.... I tried, but I couldn't save that guy," said Khan, who works in Alberta Human Services.

After thinking about his own two children and receiving encouragement from his father, Khan was motivated to start an anti-bullying initiative.

He's planning a launch event for the end of April and is keen to hear from local organizations who want to help. He wants to educate people about bullying and the role bystanders have when witnessing violence.

"Bystanders are powerful," he said. "We just don't know we're powerful."

## Soccer members oppose no-score policy: Poll

Early results from a survey by the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association have revealed 95 per cent of respondents want to continue keeping scores and standings for children under the age of 12.

The survey was posted on the EMSA website after the Ontario Soccer League announced plans to eliminate scores and standings for young children by next year.

EMSA president Mario Charpentier said after hear-

## Details

- So far, nearly 600 people have voted in the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association's online survey.
- The Alberta Soccer Association said last month it's pushing to remove the tracking of scoring and standings for players under 12.

ing about Ontario's decision, the association wanted to be proactive and solicit feedback from members.

The EMSA will be keeping a

close eye on how successful the no-score policy is in Ontario, Charpentier said.

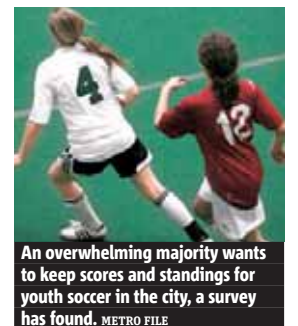
"If in two years from now they have a great success with

that ... we have to look at that and ... maybe change," he said.

Richard Adams, executive director of the Alberta Soccer Association, also said his group will be looking to see what happens in Ontario.

"It's nice that we get to watch Ontario go through it for a summer," Adams said. "We're going to see if there's an immediate impact on their (enrolment) numbers."

**ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO**  
WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS



An overwhelming majority wants to keep scores and standings for youth soccer in the city, a survey has found. **METRO FILE**

# Saskatchewan Drive closure set to cause traffic headaches

## Slippery slope.

Project, which starts Thursday, is needed to prevent road from sliding, city says



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A major commuter route will become a traffic tie-up Thursday as the city closes a section of Saskatchewan Drive.

The closure will affect Saskatchewan Drive between 90 Avenue and 101 Street from April 4 until July 31, though the road will re-open to eastbound traffic on June 1.

The city became concerned about the slope adjacent to the roadway, leading down into the river valley. While the city doesn't fear an imminent collapse, they are installing a re-

### Fast facts

- The city estimates 17,000 vehicles a day use the portion of Saskatchewan Drive that will be closed.
- The construction project includes replacement of a wooden walkway and cycling path beside the roadway.

taining wall to ensure the road stays firmly in place.

To add pressure to the project, the construction of the new Walderdale Bridge will also lead to road closures and the city was eager not to have both routes closed at once.

"We need to stabilize this slope, but with the Walderdale coming up it was going to be three or four years, where we wouldn't be able to close that road down," said Faizal Kanji,



A total closure of Saskatchewan Drive will go into effect on Thursday morning as the city completes a construction project meant to stabilize the slope. METRO FILE

a city engineer working on the project.

Harmeet Kapur, owner of New West Asian Village located

on Saskatchewan Drive just before the closure, is worried about his business.

"This closure of the road

is not going to be helping me much."

He said while access will be maintained he is worried

people will avoid the area just because construction is nearby.

"They make up their mind right there and then not to go."

# Grant aims to help women from diverse backgrounds



MP Rona Ambrose METRO

An Edmonton association committed to ending all forms of violence against women and girls got a big boost from the federal government on Tuesday.

MP Rona Ambrose announced nearly \$200,000 in government funds for a 24-month project organized by the Indo-Canadian Women's Association.

The project will target women and girls from diverse ethno-cultural groups and identify strategies for

addressing violence committed in the name of so-called "honour."

"It's not just violence committed in the name of 'honour,' it's issues like female genital mutilation and early forced marriages. These are issues that affect our immigrant women's community," Ambrose said at the Indo-Canadian Women's Association on Tuesday morning.

Ambrose said the group is taking the lead nationally on

### Other funding

- MP Rona Ambrose also announced on Tuesday Government of Canada support for a separate project to improve the safety of women and girls in the Edmonton area.
- The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters will receive \$200,000 for a project to engage young men and boys in ending violence against women and girls.

will work towards getting all service providers around the same table to discuss strategies to address violence committed in the name of so-called "honour" against both women and girls.

"There is a whole lot of people who need help," she said.

Ambrose acknowledged the issue of violence against women and girls is not an easy topic to address and said the project is about breaking the silence. ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

the highly complex issue.

"It's an emerging issue, but it's very real," she said.

Miriam Thomas, president of the Indo-Canadian Women's Association, said the project

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# MAYOR MANDEL UNDECIDED, LEAVING POTENTIAL MAYORAL CANDIDATES IN LIMBO



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Stephen Mandel is not yet ready to announce whether he will run for a fourth-term as Edmonton's mayor. Speaking to a crowd of more than 2,000 Edmontonians at his annual State of the City address, Mandel avoided the topic of his political future, instead lashing out at the provincial government's deep cuts to the post-secondary education budget. Political watchers who expected the mayor to announce his future plans yesterday will have to wait.

If Mandel decides to retire, this October's vote will be the first mayoral election since 1968 without an incumbent or interim mayor on the ballot. Edmontonians have witnessed

## Big shoes to fill

Edmontonians have witnessed considerable growth in their city and progress on projects like downtown redevelopment and public-transit expansion since Mandel became mayor in 2004. He will be a hard act to follow.

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Mandel's potential retirement has sparked speculation about who could run to replace him. While none have officially declared their candidacy, all eyes could soon focus on the handful of city councillors who could become the next mayor of Edmonton.

As an underdog candidate in the 2007 election, Don Iveson surprised political watchers when he unseated high-

profile councillor and past mayoral candidate Mike Nickel in south Edmonton's Ward 5. Since then, Iveson has been one of council's most well-spoken and thoughtful voices on issues ranging from smart growth to waste management. Iveson represents a new generation of politically engaged Edmontonians who are passionate about defining Edmonton as a strong economic and creative hub in Canada.

A popular and hard-working representative, Karen Leibovici is one of Edmonton's longest-serving politicians. She began her elected career as a Liberal MLA representing

the Edmonton-Meadowlark constituency in 1993 and was elected to city council in 2001. While she once wanted to lead Alberta's Liberal Party, her politics have tended to be more conservative on civic issues. Leibovici is currently finishing her term as the president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, a national lobby group.

Serving his second term representing Mill Woods, Amarjeet Sohi is a consummate retail politician and community advocate. On council, he is a passionate voice for an area of Edmonton that has been traditionally under-represented in the halls of power. A former representative with the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union, which represents Edmonton Transit Service staff, Sohi is one of the most down-to-earth politicians you will find in this city.

First-term councillor and

former Edmonton Sun reporter Kerry Diotte has made his mark over the past two years as city council's resident contrarian on issues ranging from bike lanes to the proposed downtown arena. Tapping into widespread frustrations about the state of city roads, Diotte recently launched the gimmicky "hole-y-cow" contest to encourage Edmontonians to report potholes for a chance to win a \$500 gift certificate. While he has been an outspoken critic on city council, it's sometimes difficult to figure out what vision Diotte actually has for Edmonton.

Whether these councillors run for mayor in October depends on many factors, including the big question of whether Mandel will decide to seek re-election. Following yesterday's speech, we may have to wait a while for Mandel to give us an answer to that big question. Stay tuned.

## Postponed. Potential mayoral contenders prepared to wait

The race to replace him will have to wait either a few more months or four more years, after Mayor Stephen Mandel postponed a decision on his political future Tuesday.

While he had been expecting to announce his plans, Mandel said he needs more time and that other candidates should make their own decisions.

"I respect and encourage all those people who wish to step forward to do so on their own schedule, not on mine," he said.

Potential candidates for the top job were not taking that advice Tuesday, most pledging to wait.

"I am going to wait to (see) what he decides he's going to do and then make my decision," said Coun. Amarjeet Sohi, one potential contender.

Coun. Karen Leibovici said she won't run against Mandel and welcomed the postponement of election season. "It's a bit of a relief — a weight off of our shoulders right now."

Coun. Don Iveson echoed that sentiment. "This adds more time. I hadn't made a decision one way or the other. I have said I won't run against Mayor Mandel."

Coun. Kerry Diotte said the decision for him will be about support in the community.

"I would have to gauge support to see if there is something like that before I make a decision." RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

## Twitter

Mayor Stephen Mandel said he's undecided on his political future. Here's what you had to say on Twitter:

@purewillpower: @MayorMandel I know it's a hard job but you're one of the best mayors #yeg has ever had. Please consider one more term :) #fightforyeg

@SheilaGunnReid: Did Mayor Mandel just "Donald Trump" us? We all expected an announcement and we got a non announcement. #YEG

@LoyalEdmPC: Hope #Mandel doesn't run again. He has already hurt #yeg enough. Excessive debt, bad roads, over spending. Poor management. #yegcc



# Mandel comes out in support of Edmonton universities and colleges in surprising speech

**Direct aim.** Mayor shares strong criticism of post-secondary cuts



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Mayor Stephen Mandel weighed in against the provincial budget and strongly in favour of the city's post-secondary institutions Tuesday.

Mandel said the cuts to the city's post-secondary institutions risk permanent damage and fighting for them is one of the issues that made it hard to make up his mind on another campaign.

"I worry short-term thinking will win. It is sometimes the easy political path but it is not real leadership."

He said the city's universities and colleges are too important for him to stay silent.

"Edmonton's bread and butter are our educational institutions; they drive a tremendous amount of our economy here, and to have them cut tremendously and



Mayor Stephen Mandel was expected to make an announcement on his political future during his State of the City address, but instead he took aim at the province over their cuts to post-secondary education. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

to diminish their capacity is a mistake."

The province's Advanced Education Minister Thomas Lukaszuk said he considers the mayor a friend but said

Mandel is way off base and uninformed.

"If he actually knew what we were doing he should be there for 20 minutes applauding."

Lukaszuk said the mayor never raised the issue with him before making his address.

"To postulate in front of a group of 2,000 people, with-

## Cuts lambasted

"Edmonton's bread and butter are our educational institutions; they drive a tremendous amount of our economy here, and to have them cut tremendously and to diminish their capacity is a mistake."

Mayor Stephen Mandel

out the opportunity to have a good informed dialogue, is not a good way of communicating."

Lukaszuk said he believes the province's continuing refusal to fund the downtown arena may have more to do with the aggressive speech than any concern for education.

"Mayor Mandel has invested a great deal of personal and political capital into that particular project, and the province has been unequivocal in our position that there will be no one-off funding."

## Robocalls. Tory worker charged in election fraud

A junior Conservative campaign worker in Guelph, Ont. has been charged under the Elections Act for fraudulent robocalls made during the 2011 election campaign.

The charge was confirmed by the lawyer for Michael Sona, a young employee on the campaign of candidate Marty Burke.

Elections Canada has been investigating hundreds of fraudulent calls in Guelph and dozens of other ridings that purported to be from the elections regulator.

Voters were told their poll-

ing stations had been moved, part of an alleged scam to suppress non-Conservative voters.

Sona, now 24, asserts that he is being made a scapegoat by the party brass. His lawyer, Norm Boxall, echoed that allegation in a statement Tuesday.

"If the government was interested in the public being fully informed ... a full public inquiry would be called, rather than a charge laid against a single individual who ... clearly lacked the resources and access to the data required."

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Neither Elections Canada nor the public prosecutors' office would comment on the nature of a charge against one young staffer. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## N.Y.C. Lawmaker arrested over alleged plot to bribe his way into mayoral race

A New York state lawmaker was arrested Tuesday along with several other politicians for an alleged plot to get him into the race for mayor of New York City.

Democratic state Sen. Malcolm Smith tried to pay off some of New York City's Republican Party bosses to get himself on the ballot, federal authorities said.

"The complaint describes an unappetizing smorgasbord of graft and greed involving six officials who together built a corridor of corruption," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said.

In a statement, Bharara said

"Smith drew up the game plan" and another helped "by finding party chairmen who were wide open to receiving bribes."

In meetings with a co-operating witness and an undercover FBI agent, Smith agreed to bribe leaders of Republican county committees around N.Y.C. in an attempt to run as a Republican candidate, a criminal complaint said.

If convicted of conspiracy, wire fraud and violation of the Hobbs Act, Smith could face up to 45 years in prison.

Smith said in a statement that he'll be vindicated in court.

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### Kamloops, B.C.

## Alleged jail-sex voyeurs at hearing

A preliminary hearing is underway in a Kamloops, B.C., court for three RCMP officers and a jail guard who are accused of watching two women having sex in a cell.

Cpl. Kenneth Brown and constables Evan Elgee and Stephen Zaharia are each charged with one count of breach of trust by a public

officer in connection with the August 2010 incident. Guard David Tompkins faces a similar allegation.

The Crown alleges the four did not act when surveillance cameras showed two drunken women having sex.

Instead of intervening, the men are accused of calling their colleagues to watch, even though the women were likely too drunk to be able to consent to sex, and one had already told officers she had HIV. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Woman says she was accused of sex work

**U.S. border.** Customs flagged her for carrying condoms and lingerie, UBC student alleges



KATE WEBB  
Metro in Vancouver

A UBC student who tried to go through U.S. customs three times last month while carrying condoms and sexy lingerie says she was interrogated for hours, accused of being a sex worker and warned she could be banned from the U.S. for five years.

Creative-writing student Clay Nikiforuk, 24, has asked that her real name be withheld. She said she was told she now needs a visa proving she has no intent to settle in the U.S. to cross the border.

Her ordeal started in early March. Alone, she boarded a bus to Boston from Montreal, where she lives and is enrolled in distance education.

At the border crossing in Vermont, she said officers questioned her about eight or so condoms in her suitcase and about her undergarments.

"I was like, 'Yeah, some girls like shoes, I like nice underwear,' and then realized it was really not funny," she said. "They were taking it very seriously ... and looking at my condoms and counting them."

Nikiforuk was eventually let through but didn't learn until later she had been flagged as a suspected prostitute.

On March 24, she was back in Montreal heading through U.S. customs on a flight to



Clay Nikiforuk, who asked that her real name be withheld, says she was interrogated by U.S. border agents for eight hours last week and denied a flight on suspicion of being a sex worker. CONTRIBUTED

Aruba via Miami accompanied by a married man.

Nikiforuk said the man's wife knows about their affair.

She said as soon as she gave her passport to U.S. border control she was asked, "How much is he paying you to go on this trip?"

When she said he was not, she was berated for participating in adultery but let go.

When it was time to travel home from Aruba on March 27, she says U.S. customs interrogated her for eight hours. When asked what, if not sex work, she does for a living, she said she is writing a book about sexual assault.

"He asked, 'Are you looking to be sexually assaulted?'" she said. She alleges that after hours of interrogation, she was denied entry to the U.S., although her partner was not questioned. They spent \$900 each on plane tickets to Canada via Panama, plus paid for two extra nights in a hotel.

She admits she has been paid for some freelance modelling work in the U.S. but insists she was questioned in all three instances in March primarily on suspicion of being a sex worker.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said he cannot comment due to privacy laws, but that in general anyone coming into the U.S. frequently is assumed to be an intended immigrant.

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### Legal checkup

## Suspicion is enough

Miami-based immigration lawyer Steve Goldstein said he's never heard of someone being barred from entering the U.S. solely because they were carrying condoms.

And he said he suspects there were likely other factors at play when Clay Nikiforuk (not her real name) was denied entry to the U.S. after travelling to Aruba, such as her website stating she poses for nude modelling photo shoots and the fact she was travelling with a married man.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said suspicion of prostitution is enough to deny someone admission to the country under U.S. immigration law.

"If they have suspicion of something, and it's something that falls under the Immigration Act as a ground of inadmissibility, they pretty much are judge and jury," Goldstein said. "They make the decision: you're in or you're out."

Nikiforuk still contends she is the victim of a sexist double standard, because a man would never be investigated to begin with simply for carrying condoms and nice underwear. METRO

## Dutch architects crowdfund a bridge

Modern development had cut off a thriving pre-war core of Rotterdam from the rest of the city, and officials said a connecting bridge would take 30 years to finance.

So a team of young architects decided to crowdfund it.

More than 1,300 planks later, each one stamped with the sponsor's name, the first 18 metres of the wooden Luchtsingel bridges two downtown halves of the Dutch city.

By summer, architect Kristian Koreman said, another 100 metres will stretch the bridge further into the old city



Art from ZUS architects of the pedestrian bridge. HANDOUT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

core, adding a circular hub with a culinary park underneath.

ZUS architects and the International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam managed to raise \$130,000 in the first four months of the project in 2012.

A plank costs \$32.50 and a segment \$162.50. The project, I Make Rotterdam, was underway when it won a popular vote competition for a government grant that kicked in another \$4 million in infrastructure money that speeded

construction.

"It's a new reality. We have retreating governments and an ongoing economic crisis. But people are no longer simply going to wait for things to happen," Koreman said.

"There is a soft revolution going on."

ZUS is keenly interested in other city core developments, including in Canada, Koreman said. He has joined in workshop discussions in Vancouver on alternative architecture and would happily do the same in Toronto, he said.

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## Fallen from grace. Former priest pleads guilty to meth-possession charges

A suspended U.S.-based Catholic priest accused of making more than \$300,000 in methamphetamine sales while running a sex shop pleaded guilty Tuesday to a federal drug charge.

Kevin Wallin, 61, admitted to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute metham-

phetamine, and was scheduled to be sentenced June 25. The prosecution and defence agreed on a sentence of 11 to 14 years in prison.

Prosecutors said Wallin had meth mailed to him from California and sold the drugs out of his apartment last year. He also bought an adult video

and sex toy shop named Land of Oz & Dorothy's Place, apparently to launder the drug money, authorities said.

Wallin appeared to have no supporters in the courtroom. He was led out of the room in handcuffs and remains detained.

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### Suspicious

Kevin Wallin was suspended from public ministry last May amid concerns about a number of problems, including sexually inappropriate behaviour with other men.

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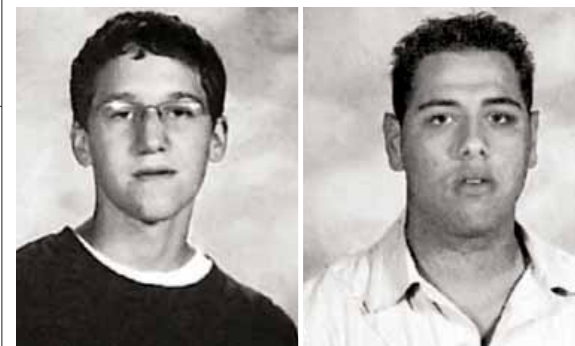
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## Al-Qaida links stun community



Kristos Katsiroubas, left, and Ali Medlej are pictured in a 2005-06 London South Collegiate Institute yearbook. The high school friends were part of an al-Qaida-led terrorist attack in Algeria. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO IN LONDON

**Killed in gas-plant siege.** Ontario city's Muslim community calls for understanding, denounces terrorism as local ties to Algeria attack surface

### At a glance

- Media reports indicate CSIS was asking questions about Medlej and Katsiroubas in 2007.
- Two others from the London area might have travelled to Algeria with Medlej and Katsiroubas, according to reports, but it isn't known if they were involved in the attack.
- Intelligence officials have said dozens of Canadians have ventured abroad, or tried to do so, to take part in violent operations.

Ali Medlej was a football player. "A big guy," as Darek Bishop puts it. "He was probably like six-foot-two, 250 pounds."

Kristos Katsiroubas was a "preppy kid" whose demeanor took a turn for the worse between his first and second years of high school.

"He started hanging out with shady people, and I saw him change," Bishop said. "He was talking different, his whole attitude changed."

It's been more than five years since Bishop roamed the halls of a London, Ont., high school with Medlej and Katsiroubas.

Now he — and many other Londoners — are left wondering how two local boys could be part of an al-Qaida-led attack on an Algerian gas plant.

"I smoked cigarettes two feet away from (Katsiroubas)," said Bishop, now 23. "I didn't expect any of this to happen."

There were more questions than answers Tuesday after reports that Medlej and Katsiroubas were the two Canadians found dead at the plant, where terrorists led a four-day siege during which 38 hostages and 29 militants were killed.

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO IN LONDON

### Gun debate

**Schools should arm staff members, says NRA report**

Schools across the U.S. should train staff members to carry weapons and should each have armed security officers to make students safer and allow a quicker

response to an attack, the director of a National Rifle Association-sponsored study said Tuesday.

"The presence of an armed security personnel in a school adds a layer of security and diminishes the response time that is beneficial to the overall security," said former Republican Rep. Asa Hutchinson, who led the study. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Telemarketing. CRTC fines firms for robocalls

Canada's telecommunications regulator has fined two companies over their telemarketing practices. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions both failed to get the consent of people they robocalled to promote their services.

The regulator's rules bar companies from using auto-diallers without the permission of the people being called. The CRTC fined Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance \$69,000 and Quick Connect Solutions \$11,000.

"We appreciate that Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions fully co-operated with our investigation and committed to changing their telemarketing practices," CRTC chief compliance officer Andrea Rosen

### Who's exempt

- The CRTC's rules for robocalls do not apply to police and fire departments, schools and hospitals that are communicating a public-service message.
- Nor are registered political parties, nomination and leadership contestants or candidates barred from making robocalls.

said in a statement. "We will continue to work with telemarketers to ensure they are obeying the rules at all times. Canadians are encouraged to file a detailed complaint each time they receive an unwanted telemarketing call."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Social chatter. Facebook grouching never gets old

Has Facebook become less fun? That's something many users — especially those in their teens and early 20s — are asking themselves as they wade through endless posts, photos "liked" by people they barely know and spur-of-the-moment friend requests. Has it all become too much of a chore? Are the important life events of your closest loved ones drowning in a sea of banana-slicer jokes?

"When I first got Facebook I literally thought it was the coolest thing to have. If you had a Facebook you kind of fit in better, because other people had one," says Rachel Fernandez, 18, who first signed on to the site four or five years ago.

And now? "Facebook got kind of boring," she says.

Chatter about Facebook's demise never seems to die down, whether it's talk of "Facebook fatigue," or grouching about how the social network lost its cool once grandma joined. The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project recently found that some 61 per cent of Facebook users had taken a hiatus from the site for reasons that range from "too much gossip and drama" to "boredom." Some respondents said there simply isn't enough time in their day for Facebook.

But so far, for every person who has left permanently, several new people have joined up.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Are fat fares fair?

## Pay-as-you-weigh. Samoa Air will charge passengers for baggage — and personal bulk

Samoa Air has become the first airline in the world to charge passengers by weight.

Instead of a flat rate per seat, the airline will charge passengers a fixed price per kilogram, with the price varying depending on the route.

The pay-as-you-weigh system was announced on the airline's website. "We at Samoa Air are keeping airfares fair, by charging our passengers only for what they weigh. You are the master of your Air 'fair,' you decide how much (or little) your ticket will cost.

"No more exorbitant excess baggage fees, or being charged for baggage you may not carry. Your weight plus your baggage items, is what you pay for. Simple."

The airline posted the news on its Facebook page, getting mixed reaction. Some liked the idea, while Gus Crichton was among those who rejected such a plan. "What? I have to give up my body building career so I can get a cheaper fare? Fat chance," he wrote.

Another dissenter, Guvanch

### Passenger poundage

"Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them."

Chris Langton, CEO of Samoa Air

Meredov, called it "immoral and discriminating." Another suggested this policy is like asking people with bigger feet to pay extra for bigger shoes.

The airline's chief executive Chris Langton told ABC radio he believes it is the fairest system for charging passengers. "Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them," he said.

"This is the fairest way of travelling. The people who have been most pleasantly surprised are families because we don't charge on the seat requirement even though a child is required to have a seat. We just weigh them." Langton said a family with two adults and two mid-sized children will now be able to travel at less cost than before.

Customers will be asked to post their estimated personal weight and weight of their baggage on a booking form on the airline's site. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Pay-as-you-weigh airfares are unlikely to come to Canada because of human rights legislation and other legal issues. GETTY IMAGES FILE

### Economic crisis

## Cypriot finance minister resigns

Cypriot Finance Minister Michalis Sarris has resigned following the launch of a government investigation into how the country's economy nearly collapsed last month. President Nicos Anasta-

siades has accepted Sarris's resignation. The minister has faced strong criticism for his handling of negotiations with Cyprus's international creditors.

Earlier Tuesday, Anastasiades appointed a panel of three former supreme court judges to investigate the country's plunge to the verge of bankruptcy.

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### Market Minute



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# IT'S ALL COMING UP WIKI

There's a game I like to play with myself.  
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There are lots of candidates: the microwave oven, the smartphone, the car that parks itself, drones, ebooks, the International Space Station, will.i.am, The Bachelorette.

But how about Wikipedia?

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Wikipedia has only been around since 2001 and already it's solved the stupid dinner party argument. Now, instead of a long, boring fight, there's a moment of silence as everyone (let's be honest, just the guys) finds the answer on Wikipedia.



JUST SAYIN'

**Paul Sullivan**

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While it takes all the fun out of being a know-it-all — now anyone can be a know-it-all — it cuts down on relationship wear and tear.

"I can't believe you allowed that fathead Charles to bait you like that. Just let it go. Who cares what the national bird of Argentina is?"

"I care. It's the Rufous Hornero."

That was then. Now, in the future, the Rufous Hornero and other contentious beasts are at your fingertips in a Wikipedia article called National Animals.

They don't call it wiki ("quick" in Hawaiian) pedia (for "encyclopedia") for nothing.

As you probably know, Wikipedia is written and edited by mostly anonymous people who do it for nothing. They are constantly working

away on this global treasure, editing and updating the articles 24-7.

So far, there have been more than 600 million edits. Talk about a peer review! And April is contributors' month in Canada,

when Wikipedia nerds organize workshops designed to make articles better. Sign me up for the Rufous Hornero session.

Of course, Wikipedia has its detractors. Despite its strict policy of neutrality, some people think they see biases. But those are the people who see biases everywhere (See Wikipedia: Noam Chomsky). Others are concerned that only trusting reliable sources breeds orthodoxy.

Imagine what they'd say if Wikipedia switched to unreliable sources.

In one lifetime, we've left a reality where only a few wealthy nations had access to the world's knowledge — and even that required access to a good reference library. Now all you need is a smartphone. Instead of a librarian telling you to shush, you can ask Wikipedia. Yell if you like.

This year it's expected that smartphones will account for 70 per cent of the mobile-device market in the U.S. (Wikipedia: Smartphone). I'm not sure what happens when all that knowledge gets around, as even a little learning is a dangerous thing.

There's another term for Wikipedia. It's called Pandora's Box. Look it up. You know where.

## ZOOM

### A canyon of colours

#### Photography art that's a snap

This image looks as if it was taken in a fantastical canyon on some alien planet. In truth, it's an amazing picture of Arizona's Antelope Canyon taken by amateur photographer Gregory Boratyn.

The 42-year-old software engineer from San Diego has shown the popular geological wonder in a new light thanks to clever use of photo software.

"First, I decided to make them monochrome," said Boratyn.

"The place in the summertime is quite cold, so instead of black and white I decided to go with blue and black to emphasize the coldness of the rock and the place itself. The colours of red, orange and blue are called complementary and they made the image more pleasant to human eyes, which was my intention."

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#### Magic of editing

- Photography software used to enhance the canyon's textures: Nik Silver Efex Pro 2, Viveza 2, Adobe Photoshop CS6.



GREGORY BORATYN/REX FEATURES

#### Clickbait



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#### CDZA

Classical musicians woo new fans with cool experiments, such as a piece based entirely on classic ringtones or a pop medley that showcases key changes. Occasional cross dressing and sax-playing dinosaurs keep things lively. (cdzamusic.com)



#### Twitter

@metropicks asked: Did you know it takes a 22-km walk to burn off a Big Mac meal? What food would you walk 22 km for?

@MR\_BF7: That does not include the GREASE!

@JessicaSquibb: tub of coconut oil. Weird?

@bexbz: Literally nothing

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#### Comments

RE: Freezing Weather Wipes Out German Flea Circus, published March 31

A day early, folks a day early. Myworkisdonehere posted to metronews.ca

RE: Americans Furious Over Google's Easter 'Doodle', published March 31

Google is a business. They owe zero allegiance to ANY religion on ANY day of the year. (American here.) Koreginald posted to metronews.ca

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Ceremony

## Elton John and partner to be celebrated

Elton John and his long-time songwriting partner, Bernie Taupin, will be honoured at this year's Songwriters Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

John and Taupin, who teamed on most of the singer's best-known hits, will receive the Johnny Mercer Award during the June 13 ceremony in New York.



Elton John  
GETTY IMAGES

Video

## Leno and Fallon poke fun at Late Night rumours

Jay Leno and Jimmy Fallon poked fun at the late-night rumours swirling around them in a music video that aired between their back-to-back NBC shows Monday night.

In a spoof of the romantic ballad *Tonight* from *West Side Story*, Leno, who was backstage at the *Tonight* show on the West Coast, and Fallon, in his *Late Night* office in Manhattan, serenaded each other by cellphone.

Internet concert

## Buscemi taking lead role for online concert

Steve Buscemi will direct a live stream of a Vampire Weekend concert to debut a new season of *Unstaged*.

The stream will launch the fourth season of *American Express Unstaged*, an online series that pairs notable directors with popular music acts.

Vampire Weekend's concert at the Roseland Ballroom on April 28 will stream live on VEVO and YouTube.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jane Levy stars in the latest instalment of *Evil Dead*, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

# What could go wrong at a remote cabin? Lots

**Horror films.** *Evil Dead* returns this weekend, bringing a fresh take on the genre that has seen lots of clueless, pretty people killed over the years

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Are there any more frightening words in a horror movie synopsis than "five friends head to a remote cabin?"

That phrase has been the starting point for many scary scripts, conjuring up visions of ancient evil life forms, dangerous hillbilly types, mysterious incantations and lines like, "No matter what, we have to stay together."

The cabin-in-the-woods genre is decades old, but almost always follows the same formula: five good-looking teens, say, a jock, a stoner, some hot girls, one a brainiac, and a party girl go to a cabin, and only one or two make it home.



The *Evil Dead* series, which perfected the cabin-in-the-woods genre, developed a huge following. HANDOUT

This weekend's *Evil Dead* shakes up the formula to an extent.

In it some handsome people head to an isolated cottage not to drink and party but to help Mia (Jane Levy) kick her addiction to drugs.

The details are different, but the outcome — and this isn't a spoiler, just a statement of fact — is the same and that's what we like about the genre.

The most well loved cabin

in the woods movies must be the first two Sam Raimi *Evil Dead* films.

The original, and name-sake of the series, was actually shot in a real life abandoned cottage.

In it five friends go to a cabin in the woods (sound familiar?), discover a Book of the Dead and unleash flesh-possessing demons.

It made a star of Bruce Campbell and led to a sequel, *Evil Dead II*, another cabin

movie that is equal parts silly and scary.

Eli Roth made his directorial debut with *Cabin Fever*, a movie inspired by real life events.

The idea for a film about a group of friends in a (you guessed it!) cabin in the woods, tormented by a flesh-eating virus and homicidal townsfolk, came to him as he worked on a horse farm.

"I was cleaning hay out of this barn and got this infection on my face," he says.

The rash got so bad that, "I went to shave and I literally shaved a third of my face off."

It hurt, but he looked at the bright side.

"I thought, 'This is actually going make a great movie one day.'"

Sleepaway Camp — ignore the sequels, although the number two's title *Unhappy Campers* is pretty great — sets the action at a summer camp. This gory slasher flick is most notable for a wild twist ending that has been called a "jaw-dropping, tape-rewinding, pause-and-stare-and-call-your-friends-over-to-stare" moment.



# The search for Charlotte Church



Charlotte Church's latest release has a gothic feel reminiscent of Radiohead, Bjork and LCD Soundsystem. GETTY IMAGE

**Music.** You probably remember her as the classical music kid, but she's all grown up now

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By age 21, Charlotte Church had dazzled everyone from the pope to the president, earning legions of fans with her angelic, operatic voice. But forever being known as a classical artist wasn't what she wanted for herself.

"It's a beautiful art form, but I just sort of found it limiting," says the Welsh singer-songwriter, now 27, who just debuted *One & Two*, two EPs that are her first U.S. releases in more than a decade. "I just wanted to express (myself) in a different way and after a while, singing somebody else's music, I found it dull."

*One & Two* isn't Church's

first crossover attempt, but it's the first one she truly believes in. She calls an earlier pop album of hers "a really s— album, a throw-away, commercial album," and says that it took so long for her to make a return to the States because "I just never felt like it was right and I never felt like I had anything really good that I really wanted to push."

During her time out of the U.S. spotlight, she had two kids, hosted a sketch television show in the U.K. and was a victim of Britain's phone-hacking scandal. She calls the renewed attention on her music, as opposed to her personal life, "incredibly liberating."

Church admits that reframing people's opinions of her and the type of music she performs "has been pretty challenging."

"It's sort of a good thing because I think that a lot of people have a lot of affection for me and my music when I was little. And, I don't know, especially over

## No strings attached

Just because Church is a singer with TV experience doesn't mean she's holding out hope for a spot at the *X Factor* judges' table.

"I'd rather poke my eye out with a sharp stick," she says. "I don't agree with shows like that. It's the wrong way to look for new talent and I also think it's terribly exploitative of young people ... Everybody has an opinion and you have to be strong — and I don't think that everybody is. It's also just a weird thing to go through, to get your success via that. And all the sort of heartfelt stories that you have on everybody, it's just — you can just see the strings, you know what I mean?"

here because I've been famous for such a long time, you (become) some distant family member, or like a character in a long-running show," she says. "So it's really sweet and I do often hear, 'Oh, you should go back to classical music' but I don't know, I feel like I've sort of done that."

Church wrote and self-released *One & Two* on her own label, Alligator Wine. The music's haunting, gothic beat evokes the sounds of Radiohead, Bjork and LCD

Soundsystem. But Church says the heaviness of her new sound shouldn't be taken at face value.

"Even if you are in a happy relationship — and I've got two beautiful children — there are still certain times when life sucks," she says. "We have a masterfully complex range of emotions, and I think even though a lot of the stuff on both EPs is kind of dark, the one thing that I sort of always aim for is ... some sound of hopefulness."

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Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Lohan gets in on the April Fools' Day pranks

Lindsay Lohan made a very last-minute decision to continue her adventures in Brazil this week, making her way to the São Paulo airport for a flight back to New York only to opt out of getting on the plane, according to E! News.

While her manager took the flight as planned, Lohan reportedly checked herself into the Emiliano Hotel alone with a female friend.

"She's staying on her own dime," a source says. "She is staying against everyone's

advice."

Lohan's promotional trip to Brazil for a denim company was to be followed by a quick trip to NYC before heading to L.A. for the Coachella Music Festival and then 90 days of court-ordered rehab.

The extended vacation also gave Lohan a chance to get in on the fun of pulling an April Fools' prank on her Twitter followers, posting, "It's official. Pregnant..." and drawing a flood of shocked reactions.



Olivier Martinez

## Olivier Martinez gets into fight with photogs

Halle Berry and fiancé Olivier Martinez had a pretty rough homecoming after their Hawaiian vacation when Martinez got into a bit of a scuffle with paparazzi outside LAX, according to TMZ.

Martinez allegedly kicked a photographer in the leg and wrist as he, Berry and Berry's daughter, Nahla, at-

tempted to exit the airport, with Berry reportedly imploring the swarm of shutterbugs, "Get away, there's a child."

Once Nahla was safely in their waiting SUV, Martinez reportedly stormed back to kick the photographer again before being pulled away by Berry.

### The Word

## What's lower than scamming kids with cancer?



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Oh man. This is not good. I mean, in the spectrum of "not good things," this ranks pretty much at the top: Lamar Odom and wife Khloe Kardashian's charity for kids with cancer looks like a scam.

That's right, they are fleecing kids with cancer.

The only thing worse than scamming kids with



cancer? Scamming kids with AIDS. That's it. There's nothing worse. (OK, maybe scamming orphans with AIDS and/or cancer, but that's really it.)

A new report by ESPN (and this marks the first time ESPN has been mentioned in this column) says that Odom's charity, Cathy's Kids, which started in 2004 in honour of Odom's mother who died from stomach cancer, has raised \$2.2 million, but not one cent has gone to cancer-

related causes.

Instead, it seems like the money has gone to two things: the charity's executive, Jerry DeGregorio, who happened to be the best man in Kardashian's and Odom's wedding, and two elite youth basketball travel teams. It's important to note that none of the kids in the "elite basketball team" seem to be battling cancer in between games.

When approached by ESPN, Odom brushed off the allegations with, "It's my money."

Actually, if you raise \$2.2 million by having people donate their cash to help children with cancer, it's not your money. I swear. Do I have to go to Hollywood myself to teach these people how to act?



Justin Bieber

## Justin Bieber's pals living it up at his place

It turns out Justin Bieber doesn't even have to be home to show his friends a good time. According to E! News, about four male pals have been crashing at Bieber's L.A. area home and throwing some pretty raucous parties in his absence, and the neighbours are taking notice.

"They probably complain because when people come up, there are like 20 cars. That was a crazy party," a source says.

The house guests living it up while Bieber continues his tour include rappers Lil Twist and King Kev.



John Mayer

## Mayer declines to discuss relationship

John Mayer seems to have turned over a new leaf when it comes to dishing on ex-girlfriends, as in a recent interview with Ellen DeGeneres he did not rise to her attempts to discuss his recent split from Katy Perry.

"It was a very private relationship going in, it was a private relationship during and it's a private relationship still," Mayer said. "I can understand asking the question based on some previous answers I have given, but I have finally learned how to put the wall between one thing and the other."

The best DeGeneres could glean from the singer was a rather vague, "I'm on the same journey as everyone else."

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# St. Maarten — the place to sip, shop and sun yourself

**Island time.** Pristine beaches, frosty rum drinks and plenty of shopping make this the place of cubicle dreams

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St. Maarten, a 60-square-kilometre island, boasts beach after beach, most framed by mountains. And these many waterfronts are put to good use with bars plopped on the water and multiple marinas. St. Maarten fulfils cubicle fantasies: crisp white sailboats against azure waters, fresh and flavourful seafood and imaginative rum



Philipsburg is a must-visit site for shopaholics. ISTOCK

drinks. But the island, which is half Dutch and half French, also has a bonanza of different cultures, shown by more than 360 restaurants in surprising variety. So whether you're stopping over before sailing on to

nearby St. Barths or St. Kitts or staying for a while, here's where to shop, sip and sun.

**For filling your suitcase**  
Philipsburg, the capital on the Dutch side, is a must-visit

for the island's legendary duty-free shopping. Stroll along the winding narrow roads and pop into the numerous jewelry and watch stores. Also a must-see? The Guavaberry Emporium, built in an old cedar house, where you can sample not only the berry liqueur but also a guava colada. The fruit has a mild, unusual sweetness. This shop is also a great place to pick up gifts, like rum bottles with colourful hand-painted sunsets and parrots.

**For Caribbean blue skies and seas**  
Sailing aficionados should schedule their visit during the annual Heineken Regatta, where sailboats race around the island, creating picture-perfect views of colourful, billowing sails

dotting royal-blue water. The event promises "serious fun" with parties every night, visitors and locals dancing the night away in flip flops on the sand. Even if you can't sail, make sure to get out on the water — the ocean is so clear, if you jump in, you can see your toes. Even that doesn't impress locals — clear to them means seeing the bottom.

## Where to stay

The Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino, undergoing a \$3 million renovation, is ideal for travellers who want a sea breeze and tropical drink 10 minutes after landing. The hotel is within walking distance to multiple restaurants, although it is all-inclusive, covering all your meals and rum punches.





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## Travel tips

## Looking for adventure?



## ON THE MOVE

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Nervous to go on an adventure holiday? I would never describe myself as an adrenaline junkie, but on a recent trip to New Zealand I crawled around darkened caves lit only by fluorescent worms, jumped 15,000 feet out of a plane, swam with dolphins in the wild ... and loved it.

As evidenced by my experience, it's not necessary to be a macho 20-something guy to go on an adventure holiday. In fact, the majority of travellers with adventure travel companies are actually women who are of an average age of 38 (though there are many in their 60s or older).

Another misconception is that you must be fighting fit, as you will be cycling the Kalahari Desert or snowshoeing to the North Pole. On the contrary, if you push

yourself, even a little, outside of your regular comfort zone you are a certified adventure traveller! It could be a walking tour of Tuscany or making wine in South Africa. Additionally, it is not mandatory to go off the grid and be away for a month to be credible. Many itineraries are as short as 24 to 48 hours and make for a great mini-break from your daily routine or can be stitched into a longer holiday. If your interest is piqued, there are a few things to bear in mind as you weave some adventure into your next vacation:

-Be realistic about your fitness level.

-Go outside your comfort zone but don't freak yourself out.

-Be flexible. It is hard to plan every detail, so expect the unexpected especially when it comes to the weather.

-Read all waivers before signing and ensure you are properly protected.

-Always go with trained and properly certified professionals. Look for an official endorsement on the company's website.



Inject a little adventure in your holiday. PETER REMUS

## Room with a view. Prague TV tower boasts unique hotel option

A tall television tower in the Czech capital of Prague that has been called one of the world's ugliest buildings has a new and unique attraction, a one-room hotel looking out on the city from 70 metres above ground.

But some might argue the best thing about the view is that you don't have to look at the tower itself. The tower, which stands 216 metres tall, is a dominant but controversial landmark of the city skyline.

Prague is sometimes called the city of 100 spires, but the tower stands out amid the picturesque cityscape of centuries-old churches and other historic sites. It's the city's tallest building, at the equivalent of about 70 stories high, and it was a despised symbol of the communist regime that started building it in 1985. Locals have gradually come to accept it since its completion in 1992, but a 2009 international survey placed it second among the ugliest buildings in the world.

The tower already features

The Zizkov TV tower in Prague.  
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a restaurant and observation deck offering a breathtaking view of the city, but a recent, thorough renovation of the spire added the hotel room.

The room is considered so luxurious that it's being advertised as six stars. It opened Feb. 13 and is available for \$1,300 a night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# All interviews created equal?

## So what's your type?

Whether it's in-person, in a group or on the phone, you'll know how to impress with these insider tips

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So you've been chosen for an interview. Yay! Now comes the time to prepare and brush up on your interview skills.

One of the things you need to consider is what type of interview is it? Read below for the three main types of interviews to see what employers are looking for in each type and what you can do to ace the interview.

### One-on-one interview

This is the most common type.

### What the employer is seeking

It involves you and the interviewer having a one-on-one chat about why you've applied for the position, discussing your qualifications and past experiences and assessing your skills to see if you are a good fit for the employer.

### What you should do

- Always bring a copy of your resumé with you to the interview and know what is on your resumé inside and out.
- When the interviewer asks you questions, you will need to refer to specific examples



Standing out in a group interview setting is a matter of knowing what to say and when to speak up. ISTOCK

from your resumé and highlight what skills and strengths you developed from those experiences, as well as both the positive and negative aspects of your previous employment and how you dealt with them.

### Group Interview

This involves you and a few other job seekers who have applied for the same position or department as you. The employer will interview all of you simultaneously to see if you would work well in a team environment with your co-workers.

### What the employer is seeking

- In this type of interview, the employer wants to assess your ability to work as part of a team by seeing you in action.
- The employer will judge you based on how you well you interact with the other applicants and your contributions to the interview discussion.

### What you should do:

- Greet the other applicants and introduce yourself.
- Don't interrupt other appli-

cants when they're talking but feel free to contribute to others' answers.

### Telephone Interview

Based on your availability and time or location constraints, the employer may decide to interview you on the phone.

### What the employer is seeking

- The employer will want to hear a clear, vibrant voice.
- He/she will be testing your ability to think on the spot and articulate your answers.

### What you should do

- Firstly, schedule a phone call for a time when you know you for sure that you will be available.
- Again, have your resumé in front of you so that you can be ready to answer questions.
- Don't rush your answers, but instead take the time to form clear responses.

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# You can't fail with mail

**You've got the write stuff.** Sending a grateful note post-interview can add a charming point in your favour

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Your resumé was flawless. Your cover letter impressed. You aced the interview. Now there's nothing left to do but wait. Right?

Wrong.

According to an Accountemps survey, 66 per cent of HR managers say it's beneficial to one's job search to send a thank you note after the job interview.

Raffi Toughlouian, division director of Accountemps, says a thank you note is "a good vehicle for you to reiterate your interest in a potential position, as well as reference back to specific points in the conversation that were of interest to both you and the interviewer."

Thus, a quick "thanks" not



When writing your thank you note, use an enthusiastic tone and keep all the content positive. ISTOCK

- Be specific by highlighting key conversation points that stood out to you
- Time is of the essence: thank you notes should be sent out within 24 hours of the interview

### Should you send a thank you note by email or snail mail?

"I still think there's a bit of charm to a handwritten note," Toughlouian says, "but in this day and age email just makes the most sense."

Sometimes in an interview there will be a business card exchange, which is a good indicator that email is an acceptable form of communication.

In fact, more than two thirds of HR managers say they prefer email, while 48 per cent say they'd still appreciate a handwritten note.

"[Email] is also the least intrusive method of communication," Toughlouian adds. Not only that, but it ensures the message will actually get to the recipient.

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### How to write a good thank you note

Toughlouian offers the following advice for students and recent grads who are whipping up a note of gratitude:

- Keep it brief and concise
- Provide a brief recap of the skills you can bring to the job

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# Rich flavours from roasted acorn squash team up with maple syrup

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Brush cut side of squash with maple syrup and place cut side down on a baking sheet lightly coated with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Bake 45 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool, then scrape out the squash flesh and set aside.

3. In a 4-litre (4-quart) saucepan, heat remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot and apple. Cook for 5 minutes, then reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft.

4. Add the cooked squash, 1 litre (4 cups) broth, thyme, and nutmeg. Simmer for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.

5. Once the mixture has

## Ingredients

- 2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) maple syrup
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 l (4 cups) chicken broth, plus 250 ml (1 cup) for thinning
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground thyme
- Pinch of nutmeg
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lemon juice
- Diced apple and fresh chives for garnish

## Roasted Acorn Squash Soup



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

cooled, blend (in two batches) in food processor or blender until smooth.

Reheat soup and season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir in fresh

lemon juice and add more broth if soup is too thick. Garnish with apple and

chives.

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## Drink of the Week

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Indulge your senses with this contemporary blend of smooth flavours of almond syrup, lemon juice, lavender bitters and more.

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- 3/4 oz almond syrup (Orgeat)
- 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice
- 3 dashes lavender bitters
- 1/4 oz egg white
- Soda top

Dry shake ingredients then shake with ice and fine strain into a highball glass. Top with soda. Garnish with a lavender stalk.

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# Traditional Italian dessert gets unique Canadian twist

Tiramisu becomes Maple Tiramisu in this Canadian version of the Italian favourite.

1. In a bowl, mix together the espresso and 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the maple syrup, then add the liqueur and dried fruit. Set aside.

2. In bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form.

3. In another large bowl, beat the mascarpone, egg yolks, vanilla and remaining maple syrup. Then, carefully fold into the egg whites using a spatula.

4. Place 6 cookies in the bottom of a 3-l (12-cup) glass dish, then pour half of the dried fruit and coffee mixture evenly over the top. Sprinkle half of the nuts and spread half the mascarpone filling on top. Repeat to create a second layer.

5. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours, then sprinkle with cocoa and maple sugar before serving.

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## Ingredients

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) hot espresso coffee
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) maple syrup
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) liqueur (such as Triple Sec or Amaretto)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) raisins
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cranberries
- 6 eggs, separated
- 2 475-g tubs of mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla extract
- 12 ladyfinger cookies, broken in half
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) walnuts, grilled and chopped (optional)
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) cocoa powder
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) maple sugar (or maple flakes)



This recipe serves 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

## Dinner. Maple Salmon Fillet with Chives



This recipe also works well with swordfish, trout or tilapia and is ideal for the barbecue or grill. For grilling, fish that has firm flesh is best.

1. Preheat barbecue or grill on medium heat.

2. Cut salmon fillet into 4 equal parts.

3. In a bowl, combine chives, garlic, olive oil, maple syrup, soy sauce and lemon juice. Season well with salt and pepper. Baste salmon with marinade and refrigerate for 15 minutes, then grill for 3 to 4 minutes on each side (or until desired doneness).

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## Ingredients

- 1 680-g (1 1/2 -lb) salmon fillet
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chives, chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) maple syrup
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper, to taste



NHL

## Slumping Stars clearly rebuilding

The Dallas Stars on Tuesday traded 41-year-old Jaromir Jagr to Boston and sent surging centre Derek Roy to Vancouver.

The moves came a day after a 4-0 loss to Anaheim. Dallas got two young prospects and a conditional second-round pick from Boston, and a 23-year-old defenceman and a second-round pick from Vancouver.

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NHL

## Sabres sever Penguins streak

The Pittsburgh Penguins' run at a record-breaking streak is over. Playing without injured star Sidney Crosby, the Penguins fell to the Buffalo Sabres 4-1 to end their 15-game winning streak on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh was attempting to draw within one of the NHL record of 17 consecutive wins set by the 1992-93 Penguins, but looked out of sync and lost for the first time since falling to Carolina 4-1 on Feb. 28.

Kevin Porter scored his first two goals of the season for the Sabres, who won for the first time in five games.

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NHL

## Rangers reel in Clowe from the Sharks

The New York Rangers have acquired forward Ryane Clowe from the San Jose Sharks for three draft picks.

The teams announced the deal on Tuesday night. The Sharks get the Rangers' second-round pick and a third-round pick in the 2013 draft, and a conditional second-round pick in the 2014 draft.

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Ryane Clowe GETTY IMAGES



Captain Blue Jays — a.k.a. Warren Baxter of Oakville, Ont. — gets ready for the season opener on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre in Toronto. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Jose Reyes enjoys a smile with his Jays teammates during Tuesday's introductions. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Cleveland shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera rounds the bases after hitting a fifth-inning homer off Jays starter R.A. Dickey. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Blue Jays right-fielder Jose Bautista eyes home-plate umpire Jeff Nelson after a called strikeout on Tuesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Blue Jays off-kilter to open new era

**MLB.** Revamped Toronto club gets off to slow start as Cleveland spoils opening-day festivities

On Tuesday

4

Indians

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Blue Jays

The Rogers Centre was sold out, there was a rock star in the house and R.A. Dickey's knuckleball was dancing.

All the ingredients seemed to be present under the dome for an opening-day launch befitting the retooled Blue Jays.

But Cleveland pitcher Justin Masterson kept the Jays bats in check and shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera made key

plays on defence and offence as the Indians spoiled Dickey's Toronto debut with a 4-1 win before a crowd of 48,857 on Tuesday night, during a game that saw Rush rock star Geddy Lee throw out the first pitch.

"I know they're all disappointed," Toronto man-

ager John Gibbons said of the fans. "We're not. That's part of baseball. We just got outplayed tonight. But they'll be back. We've got a good ball club. They'll be back. They'll have a fun, entertaining year this year, I believe."

Still, the loss may be a splash of cold water on the face of Toronto fans already planning a championship parade given the extensive, expensive roster remake over the winter. Cleveland planted a few seeds of reality under the dome but there is still plenty of time for the Jays to harvest wins.

Cabrera hit a two-run

homer for the Indians, who took advantage of some early passed balls as Dickey's fledgling partnership with catcher J.P. Arencibia showed some teething problems.

Dickey (0-1) went six innings in his first opening-day start, giving up four runs (three earned) on five hits with four strikeouts, four walks and a wild pitch. He threw 104 pitches, including 60 strikes.

"I think everybody that came tonight understands that we've got a pretty good ball club and the season is not won or lost on opening night," Dickey said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MLB. Carter says 2013 Blue Jays just have to 'relax'



Jays great Joe Carter jokes with team president Paul Beeston on Tuesday before Toronto's season opener against Cleveland. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Former Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Joe Carter knows a thing or two about high expectations.

Big things were expected the year after Toronto's first World Series title in 1992. The Blue Jays rose to the occasion again in 1993, with Carter anchoring the team and sealing the series victory with a walk-off homer in Game 6.

The buzz is back in the Ontario capital this year after a busy off-season marked by some stunning trades and spending.

Carter's advice for the 2013

edition of the team? Don't get caught up in the hype.

"When you have new guys come in — as many as the Jays have coming in now — the tendency is to go out there and try to do too much, too early," Carter told The Canadian Press.

"And then when you do that, you put yourself in a hole. What they've got to do is just go out there and try to relax as much as possible and trust their teammates and believe in their teammates and not try to do it themselves."

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4 SPORTS



# Canada's women top archrival U.S. to open world championship

**Hockey.** Wakefield nets shootout winner as tournament gets underway in Ottawa

Canada opened the 2013 women's world hockey championship with a 3-2 shootout win over the United States on Tuesday.

Jennifer Wakefield scored the shootout winner and Meghan Agosta-Marciano also scored for the hosts during extra shots.

The Canadians are the defending champions after beating the Americans in last year's final in Burlington, Vt.

Canada fell behind 2-0 after the opening period, but Rebecca Johnston and Catherine Ward both scored



Canadian goalie Shannon Szabados celebrates Tuesday's shootout win.  
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over the final nine minutes of regulation to send the

game into overtime.

Monique Lamoureux and Brianna Decker scored for the U.S. in front of an announced 11,174 at SBP Arena in Ottawa. Hilary Knight scored during the shootout.

Canadian goaltender Shannon Szabados stopped 24 of 26 shots in net for the win, while U.S. counterpart Jessie Vetter made 27 saves on 29 shots.

Canadian captain Hayley Wickenheiser left the game seven minutes into the second period and did not return.

Canada wore black-and-yellow Livestrong jerseys for their first game of the tournament to promote a Nike line of apparel that raises money for the Livestrong Foundation.

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## Canada loses 1st at worlds

Canada is no longer perfect at the world men's curling championships. Jiri Snitil of the Czech Republic beat Brad Jacobs 6-4 in the morning draw, handing Canada its first loss after five straight wins. Jacobs' rink from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was the last unbeaten team in Victoria.

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CFL

## Argonauts acquire DT Mitchell from B.C. Lions

The Toronto Argonauts shored up their defensive line on Tuesday by acquiring all-star tackle Khalif Mitchell from the B.C. Lions in exchange for defensive end Adrian Awasom and the rights to a negotiation list player.

The six-foot-five, 316-pound Mitchell was a CFL all-star in 2011 after registering six sacks and 33 tackles in helping B.C. win the Grey Cup. But last season he was suspended for two games by the league after hyperextending the arm of Edmonton Eskimos offensive lineman Simeon Rottier during a game.

He was also fined by the CFL last October for tweeting a term that was derogatory toward Chinese. Mitchell later apologized, saying he didn't know the word was offensive.

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# Simple yet stylish 2013 Honda CR-Z



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**Review.** If there's a standup in the Honda's 2013 lineup, it's the CR-Z, but not for the reasons you might expect

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When it comes to the 2013 Honda CR-Z, the car's true purpose remains masked by its contradictions, even after receiving a modest makeover and powertrain upgrade.

Visually, the car appears as sporty as all get out and a modern interpretation of the cute little CRX buzz-bomb of the 1980s and early '90s. That Civic-based two-seater was the ideal dance partner for drivers of modest means who wanted something that was light on its feet, looked cool and could perform magic zipping around

town or over twisty highways.

Honda envisions a significantly different role for the CR-Z, however, one that blends modest performance with an equally modest attempt at eco-friendliness with its gasoline-electric hybrid power system.

The result is a pretty decent (and attractive) commuter vehicle, but it's ultimately a car that won't set the hearts of sports-car fans aflutter. Like a timid swimmer, the CR-Z only sticks its big toe into the automotive mainstream, something that anyone wishing to avoid the sameness of your typical econo-box should find appealing.

The CR-Z comes with a selectable "3-Mode Drive System" with Sport, Normal and Econ settings to allow the driver a choice of efficiencies in operating performance and fuel consumption. Added for 2013 is a unique Plus Sport System. Provided the battery has at least a 50 per cent charge, pushing the "S+" button on the steering



The simple but effective dash/control panel layout is a carryover from the last model.

wheel while accelerating produces an extra boost of power that lasts for up to five seconds, regardless of which of the three drive-system modes you're in.

Fuel economy should be close to the 2012 model's 6.5/5.3 (l/100 km) city/highway numbers, however better results can be achieved with the CVT option that should top out at about 5.6/5.0 city/highway. Other manufacturer's hybrids can do better, but most cost more than the CR-Z's estimated \$24,500 asking price, which includes destination charges.

For that entry fee you can

count on all of the usual and expected comfort features, along with ambient console lighting, high-intensity discharge headlights and a 360-watt premium audio system. Heated leather seats and a navigation system with rear-view camera are available with the Premium Package.

Otherwise the CR-Z's advantages appear to outweigh its drawbacks. The car's sharp styling, comfortable cabin and extra-roomy and versatile cargo area are not-to-be-overlooked virtues that make it an ideal touring car for two.

## By comparison



**1** Mini Cooper  
Base price: \$25,800



**2** Fiat 500T  
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**3** Scion tC  
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# Are you road ready?

**Auto Know.** Planning and preparation can save you from becoming stranded on your next road trip

Getting stranded on the side of the road happens to everyone at one point or another, but holiday trauma is less likely with a little planning.

Yes, indeed, according to auto experts, planning and preparation actually works. Who knew. Sarcasm aside, of course we know this, so why don't many of us follow our gut instincts ... or all of that professional advice?

Take some time and invest in an inspection, especially if you have a long road trip planned ... and before it's too late. Most car manufacturers recommend regular service according to what's showing on the odometer, but we have some tips that just aren't in the manual. Yes, there's a manual.

## Boiling over and leaking

No matter how fresh and green engine coolant looks, it becomes acidic over time. That stuff will eat your engine from the inside out. So it needs to be tested and changed if necessary.

Then there are the hoses. If you're doing the inspection yourself, check them for leaks, cracks and swelling, which are all signs of fatigue. While you're under there (with the engine off), never, ever remove the radiator cap unless the engine is

cold, never wear loose clothing or jewelry/watches and, for goodness sake, take off that necktie.

## Oil changes are still needed

Many car companies recommend an oil-and-filter change every three months or 5,000 to 8,000 kilometres, while some want you to do it less often. Consult your owners' manual to find out regular maintenance schedule specifics, and here's why.

Worn-out oil actually works against your engine, acting as an abrasive instead of a lubricant, causing excessive wear and premature failure. Before heading out on the open road for a 5,000 km road trip, give it a change. Or, if the change is scheduled to occur sometime during the trip, drop off the vehicle for a few hours at a lube shop along the way and plan a bus trip or a wax-museum visit.

## Brakes

Perhaps no other part of your vehicle takes as much punishment as the brakes. Have a technician inspect the system for wear and proper operation.

Since your minivan/maxitruck/Mini Cooper will most likely be packed to the gills with family members (who you presumably love) for a road trip, it's no time to lose your brakes. A lesson we've learned the hard way is never, ever scrimp on brake pads since there can be dramatic performance differences.

## Wheel alignment

Well, you made it through

pothole season with your teeth and tailbone intact, but how's your car doing? Because of the delicate calibration of all four wheels in today's automobiles, hitting just one pothole can throw the alignment out of whack.

Uneven tire wear and/or steering difficulty can point to alignment problems. And since your suspension is much "stiffer" in the winter (cold contracts the parts and turns normally soft rubber bushings into rock-like pieces), the "thud" from a big pothole in the spring can do some serious damage. Best get on that.

## Windshield woes

A dirty windshield causes eye fatigue and poses a safety hazard. Like, you haven't heard that a million times before. But just because you have new wiper blades doesn't mean you have clear vision.

On older vehicles that see a lot of highway use, the windshield becomes sandblasted and pitted, creating a fuzzy, hazy view. The problem is amplified at dawn and dusk and when there's glare off a wet road. If you can swing it — perhaps even your insurance policy covers it — get a fresh piece of glass installed.

## Use your lights

First, if you're going to be on the road, your headlights are going to be just as caked with bugs as your windshield, so clean them often.

Second, sloppy driving habits at home, like not signaling, are not going to cut it in areas of the country you

## Aerodynamics

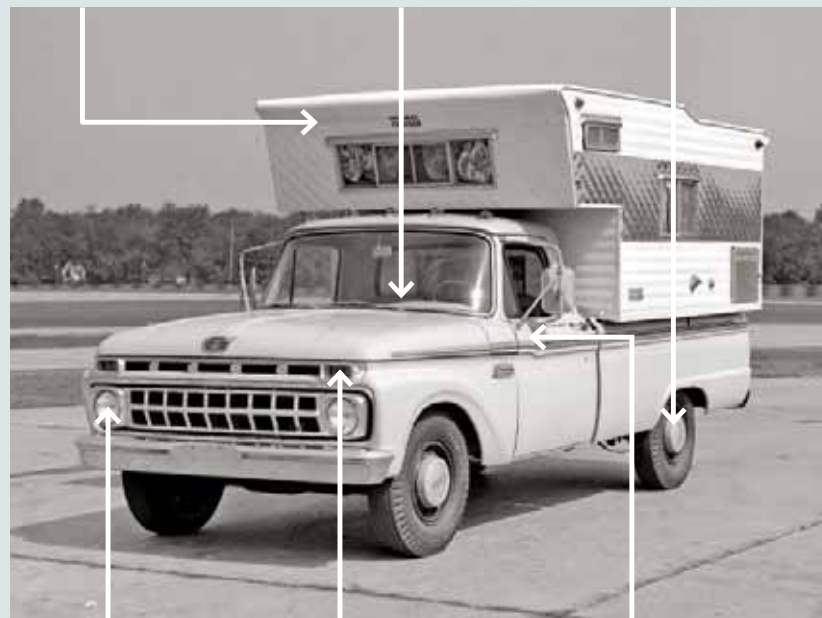
Not exactly wind-cheating, is it? With today's high gas prices, aerodynamics should be a factor in how you travel. Just because you have an old roof rack for the bags doesn't mean you should use it.

## Road tunes

Don't forget your iPod (and your cable) and the laptop to download new road tunes when you bed down for the night.

## Tires

Under-inflated tires generate excessive heat — a tire killer — and they're tough to roll, which increases fuel consumption.



## Headlights

Headlights get just as messed up with bugs as the windshield, so when it's time to clean the windshield, do the headlights. Sounds like a good "game" for the kids.

## Turn signals

You remember turn signals? When you're in unfamiliar territory, use them to reduce the likelihood of collisions that might strand you somewhere you don't want to be.

## Locks, seals and hinges

Do you really want to travel a billion miles on summer vacation listening to the same squeak? Lube all locks, seals and hinges.

## Batteries

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# Subaru's 'boxer' engine all about balance

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To most people, a boxer is someone who makes his living in the ring. But there's another definition in the automotive world — it's a type of engine, and the only kind you'll find in a Subaru vehicle.

"It's also called a horizontally opposed or flat engine," says Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada.

"They tend to be compact and lightweight, and they produce a fair amount of power to weight. They're still used in aviation for those reasons, and our company has a background in the aircraft industry, so we developed an expertise in these types of engines."

Subaru's boxer engine. CONTRIBUTED

The heart of an engine is a large, heavy shaft called the crankshaft. It's attached to pistons, which slide inside cylinders when they're powered by the exploding force of gasoline that's been detonated by the spark plugs. The pistons turn the crankshaft, and its spinning motion is what ultimately turns the car's wheels.

It's similar to the way your legs move up and down to turn the pedals on a bicycle, with that power used to turn the wheels.

On most engines, the pistons are above the crankshaft, either in a straight line (called an inline engine, the most common configuration for four-cylinder engines), or

slanted in two banks, forming a V that gives V6 and V8 engines their names. But on a boxer engine, the four or six pistons lie flat on either side of the crankshaft, where they move horizontally in their cylinders to provide power.

A boxer engine isn't as tall as a regular engine, which helps to lower the vehicle's

centre of gravity. This improves handling and stability.

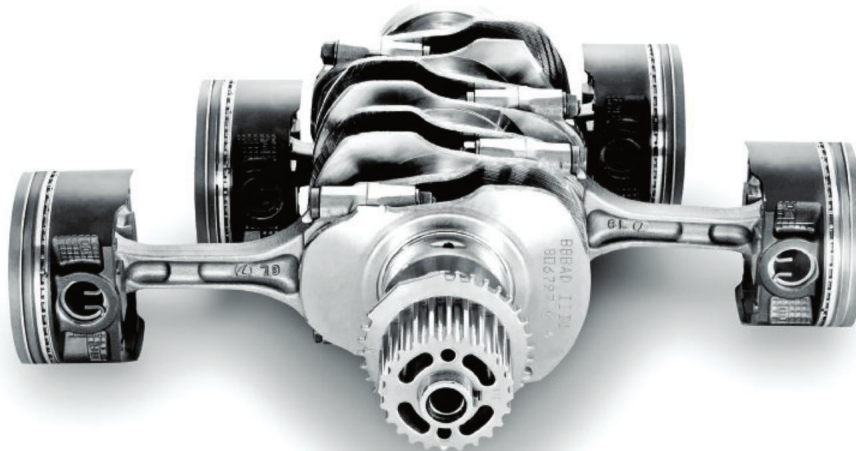
"With the boxer engine, it has very good balance between the left and right side, so the vehicle handles in a very predictable manner," Lalka says. "In addition, it makes servicing the vehicle easy. A lot of the components can be placed on top of

the engine, so the alternator, water pump, and even the oil filter are right on top where they're easier to reach."

Several companies have used the boxer engine design over the years. Porsche currently uses it in the 911, Boxster and Cayman. Other cars that have used it in the past include the Chevrolet Corvair and original Volkswagen Beetle.

## A different type of engine

- The boxer engine is part of Subaru's "symmetrical" all-wheel drive configuration, in which all driveline components are aligned on the car's north-south axis for better balance.
- It's believed that horizontally opposed engines got the name "boxer" because the piston movement looks like boxers jabbing at each other.



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# Not the same old song and dance

**Auto Pilot.** The Internet is changing the way we purchase vehicles — and dealers are finally catching on



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Back in pioneer times, before coffee went grande latte, TV went reality and information went digital, the car buying process at a dealership had a distinctly operatic feel.

It took way too long — in some cases, four hours plus. The drama seemed forced. Too many characters kept showing up — particularly that general sales manager guy who didn't talk much but had to have a hand in everything.

Fast forward to these modern times and now customers have access to the Internet.

According to the 2011 Google Automotive Shopping Behaviour Study, customers spend up to eight hours researching their purchase.

So now, when we show up at the dealership, we're much further along in the

process. Often times we've already decided on the make and model and trim line. We're just there to get the vehicle at a fair price, and get the heck out of there.

But no ... The salesperson insists you take your place on stage, for the full four-hour performance.

Take heart, however, that many enlightened automakers and dealers are very aware of this disconnect and have reshaped, or are in the process of reshaping, the sales process to better serve the Internet-savvy customer.

Toyota Canada has rolled out a special version of its already customer-friendly sales process, designed specifically for customers who don't want or need guidance about vehicle selection.

And Lincoln Concierge, which launches in Canada later this year, will see real live Lincoln people interacting with customers as they go through their online research. When the customer is ready for the dealership step, the Lincoln Concierge will facilitate the transition.

"The customer obviously has to agree to the passing of the information," says Peter Jansen, Lincoln Canada's national sales manager. But if they do, he adds, the customer will be rewarded with

a "better first introduction" to the dealership world. For example, dealership staff will already know the customer's name, profile and vehicle choice, and know they are a customer seeking an "expedient" transaction experience.

One of the more proactive dealers in Canada is the Trotman Automotive

Group (TAG) in B.C. The main elements of the Trotman's express lane are that customers get pre-approved for financing, and get monthly payment ranges and pricing information at the start of the process. To save time, the used car manager will offer to appraise the customer's trade while they are test-driving the new vehicle.

"This is all information customers need to make a good decision, so let's acknowledge that and provide it to them proactively," says TAG president Mike Trotman.

The sales manager is still involved, but introduces himself or herself early, and tries to be a force for quickness, rather than a

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Do whatever it takes to make an impression on people in positions of power. With your drive and determination you can and you must find ways to get yourself noticed.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Forget about the negative things in your life — the bills, the quarrels, etc. — and focus on your dreams. The planets indicate that at least one of those dreams will come true over the next few weeks.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you need to improve your financial situation then it's time to make that big move from the planning stage to the doing stage. You know what changes need to be made, so get on with it and make them.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Changes seem to be coming quickly at the moment and it may all be getting a bit too much for you. Calm down, make yourself a nice cup of tea and let the planets work their magic. You'll be OK.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It seems you have your fingers in too many pies at the moment and there is a serious possibility they could get burned. Maybe it's time to back off a bit, at least for a while. Sort out your priorities.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your creative juices are bubbling and although some say your ideas are far-fetched, you know they can work. You have so much confidence in your abilities there is nothing you cannot do.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be on good terms with just about everyone today but especially with a group of people who like to go to extremes. That's all fine and dandy but watch out you don't hurt yourself, or other people.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Nothing seems to faze you at the moment. Is that because your circumstances have changed for the better or is it because you finally understand that life is supposed to be fun? Whatever the reason, enjoy!

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Minor problems will likely be magnified into major setbacks today, at least in your head. It is essential that you don't let your fears get out of hand. What happened to that happy-go-lucky, optimistic Sag?

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pluto in your birth sign gives you great power but it also brings with it responsibility for how you use that power. You may be tempted to use your authority to cut corners today but that would be a mistake.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Others may be urging you to do this or do that but don't listen to them. There is no need to panic or change your lifestyle. Changes will take place but let them happen gradually, not all in one go.

### Pisces

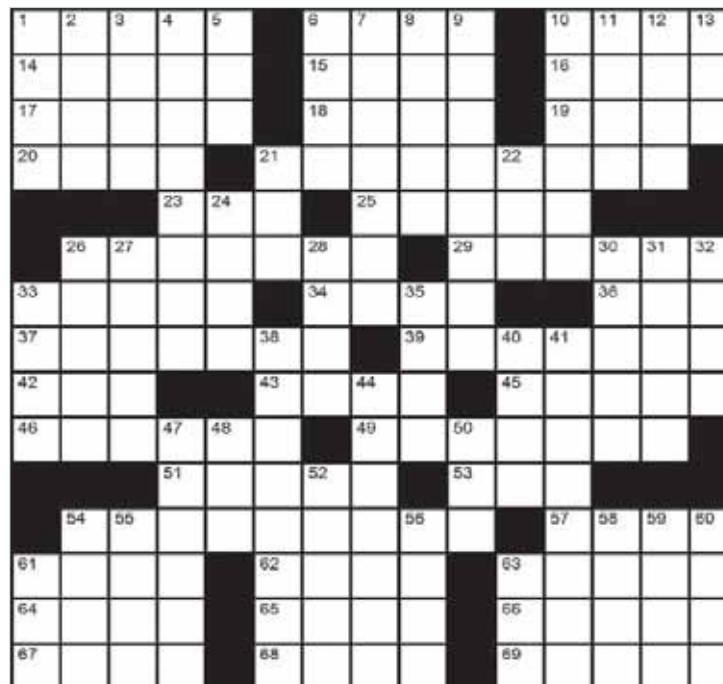
Feb. 20 - March 20

What is happening in your life may be unsettling but it is also necessary if you are to lead a fuller existence. Whatever is going on won't be happening next week. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Winnie-the-Pooh greeting
6. Long-range weapon, commonly
10. Taj Mahal's site
14. Shake like \_\_\_
15. Actor, Benicio Del \_\_\_
16. Alaska's famous Glacier
17. Alberta tourist hotspot
18. Canadian news anchor who is 3x Olympian, Rosey \_\_\_
19. Curves
20. Ice floes animal
21. Winnipeg-born singer/songwriter Chantal
23. Singer Ms. DiFranco
25. Right-hand page
26. Lady Gaga's "Bad \_\_\_"
29. Virgil epic
33. Tailor's lines
34. Subtraction opp.
36. Francis \_\_, "Love Story" score composer
37. "Piece of cake!": 2 wds.
39. Character in Great Expectations
42. Superagent on "Entourage"
43. "Hey! Hold on \_\_\_!"
45. Makes \_\_ (Is untidy)
46. City of Russia
49. Trinidad music style
51. Alan \_\_ (Canadian hubby of Suzanne Somers)



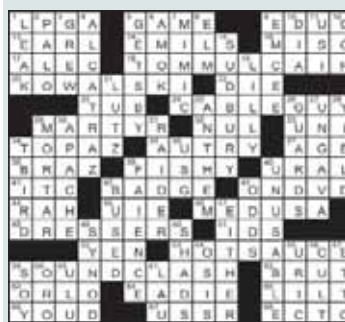
53. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
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57. Queen's 'Bohemian', e.g.
61. Enthusiasm
62. Swimmer's circuits
63. Shrek's beloved Princess
64. The Phantom's name in Gaston Leroux's classic novel The Phantom of the

- Opera
  65. Itemize
  66. Songs
  67. Canadian comedian/actor, Jon \_\_
  68. Musher's 'vehicle'
  69. Some ducks
- Down**
1. Montreal hockey players, to fans
  2. Wings: Latin
  3. Ms. Horne

4. Chief Anchor of "CTV National News", Lisa \_\_
5. Switch selection
6. Old road of Rome
7. Emergency situation: 2 wds.
8. Alla \_\_ (Music term)
9. Daniel Day-Lewis film, "The Last of the \_\_"
10. Books-selling website
11. Wise adviser
12. Humphrey's part in

- "Casablanca" (1942)
13. MGM's motto, \_\_\_ Gratia Artis (Art for Art's Sake)
21. Family
22. Used up
24. Astronaut employer
26. '70s fashion, for instance
27. "Wonderwall" band
28. Islets
30. Its opposites
31. "\_\_\_ feel that way." (Concurring comment)
32. "Buenos \_\_\_!"
33. Thailand, formerly
35. Prefix meaning 'Ten'
38. Log-processing sites
40. Mr. Diggs
41. Shopper's dream site
44. "The Twilight Saga: \_\_\_" (2010)
47. Ottawa-born actress Sarah
48. Rowboat steerer
50. Mil. officers
52. Internet commerce, \_\_\_
54. Kind of mackerel
55. Brushed stuff
56. Approximated, for short
58. Sharpen skills
59. Afresh
60. Backstage \_\_
61. Last letter
63. Alberta's McMurray, et al.

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



## Weather

### TODAY



MAX: -1°  
MIN: -3°

### THURSDAY



MAX: 0°  
MIN: -6°

### FRIDAY



MAX: -1°  
MIN: -4°



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